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WILLIAMS RIVER ROAD REOPENED

Road improvement work has been completed for this year on the Williams Road, also known as Forest Road 86, on the Monongahela National Forest. Numerous culverts have been replaced, and a three-mile portion of the road has been paved. The road has been temporarily reopened for public use. According to Marlinton District Ranger Rondi Fischer, "we have posted a 25 mile per hour speed limit on this road, as well as signs warning of low shoulders. I urge travelers to use caution as they drive the Williams River Road". Improvement work will resume on this road during the spring of 2004, at which time the road will again be temporarily closed. For more information, contact the Marlinton Ranger District at 304-799-4334, or the Gauley Ranger Station at 304-846-2695.